

INSPECTING CONSULATES

Secretary Pierce Tells of Conditions in Orient.

Among the passengers on the Mongolia are Third Assistant Secretary of State Herbert H. D. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce. Mr. Pierce has been on a tour of inspection of the consular service in the Far East, supplementing a tour which he made last summer in Europe. These inspections were begun by President Grant to give his pastor, the late Bishop Newman, a tour at public expense and are now continued so that the State Department may keep more closely in touch with the consuls.

Mr. Pierce was detained in quarantine on the Korea at Kobe and was received in audience by the Emperor of Japan upon his arrival at Tokyo. As Mr. Pierce was for seven years secretary of embassy at St. Petersburg he has been in a good position to view the war situation but his official station prevents this interesting information reaching the public.

"The Japanese do not speak with that cock-sureness and conceit that some of the younger powers are wont to use," said Mr. Pierce, "but they are very determined. They showed very evident friendship for the United States. By 'they' I mean the people in general."

Mr. Pierce reports that the consular service is in very good shape. He expressed himself in favor of the government owning its own legations. At present we own our legation property at Peking, Seoul and Tokyo. He confirmed the old story that our diplomatic and consular service is inadequately paid. "When I was in St. Petersburg," he said, "I had to spend four times my salary doing the things I was sent out to do." Asked in regard to the comments of the Saturday Evening Post on the subject of a diplomatic uniform, Mr. Pierce showed considerable interest. "Our lack of a uniform often does lead to incongruous situations," he said, laughing. "For instance I was compelled to call on the Emperor of Japan in the morning attired in evening dress."

In regard to trade conditions in the Orient Mr. Pierce said:

"It seems to me that our opportunities for trade in China and Japan are enormous. The difficulty is in getting Americans to invest their capital so far away from home. The officials in the Eastern countries are favorable to American enterprises. There are endless opportunities for American young men in the East, especially in China, although there are also many in Japan."

"The transfer of the Canton-Hankow railway from Americans to Belgians has had a bad effect on American trade in that country. This transfer was contrary to the desires of the Chinese who were anxious to have it in American control. They are suspicious of any other control than American for they have confidence that the United States will not attempt to grab anything."

Mr. Pierce said that China seemed to have recovered from the effects of the Boxer revolt although many are of an opposite opinion.

On Friday, June 17, Mr. Pierce was presented to H. M. the Emperor of Japan by Mr. L. Griscom, the U. S. Minister. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Griscom, were afterwards received in audience by Her Majesty.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Pierce was entertained at dinner at the Foreign Office by Baron Komura. There were present the Premier Count Katsuma, Baron and Baroness Sannomiya, Mr. and Mrs. Chinda, Mr. and Mrs. Kurino, His Excellency the American Minister and Mrs. Griscom, Mrs. Bronson, Mr. Denison, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Seligman, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harding Davis, Mr. Laughlin, Mr. Egan, Mr. Fox, Mr. Morgan.

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INCIDENTS OF FIGHTING IN THE FAR EASTERN WAR

LONDON, June 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says sufficient confirmation has been received of the sinking at Port Arthur of three Russian ships of the types of the Sevastopol, or Poltava, and the Peresviet and Diana. The vessel of the last named type succumbed to a torpedo, and it is stated she sank in deep water. The loss of life is said to have been enormous.

The Russians assert that they sank a four-funnelled torpedo boat destroyer and seriously injured by shell fire two cruisers, which were taken in tow by the other Japanese vessels. Crowds returning to St. Petersburg from the country last evening were greeted with the news of the loss of the Russian ships, which drove them to frenzy.

PARIS, June 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says the battleship Peresviet sunk in ten and a half minutes after she was torpedoed. Those on board were saved. The battleship Sevastopol was seriously injured. The cruiser Diana was struck amidships.

DECEYED RUSSIANS OUT.

LONDON, June 26.—The Central News has received the following dispatch from its Tokyo correspondent, dated June 26th, evening:

"A detailed account of the naval battle at Port Arthur has just been published here."

"The Russian battleships Peresviet, Poltava and Sevastopol and cruisers Bayan, Askold and Novik attempted to emerge from the harbor at dawn on June 23d, led by steamers used for clearing the mines. At 11 a. m. the battleships Czarevitch, Retzovitch and Pobieda joined the others."

"All the ships then advanced, endeavoring to dispose of the mines laid by the Japanese, but they were hindered by two Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers which had been guarding the mouth of the harbor."

"At 3 p. m. the Japanese torpedo boats exchanged shots with seven Russian destroyers, which were covering the clearing operations. One of the Russian destroyers was set on fire and retired inside the harbor."

"Subsequently the Japanese decoyed the Russians out to sea and awaited an opportunity to begin a general action, but between 8 and 9 p. m. the Russian ships made for the harbor. The Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers and torpedo-boats chased the Russians, and at 9:30 delivered the first attack, in consequence of which the enemy was thrown into disorder."

"During the night eight separate attacks were delivered, lasting until dawn Friday. In one of these assaults the Chirataka twice torpedoed a battleship of the Peresviet type and sank her. A battleship of the Sevastopol type and a cruiser of the Diana type were disabled and towed away. The Russian vessels re-entered the harbor during Friday."

"The newspapers publish eulogistic articles upon Vice-Admiral Togo's prompt action."

PRINCE UCHTOMPSKY DROWNED.

ROME, June 25.—A dispatch from Tokyo to the Giornale d'Italia says that the Russian Admiral Prince Uchtomsky and 750 men were drowned when the battleship Peresviet was torpedoed and sunk. The Japanese lost six killed. Four of the Japanese torpedo boats were damaged. A dispatch from Chefoo to the Agency Liberal says General Stoessel made a sortie from Port Arthur on Friday with 7000 men, but was repulsed. General Oku, the Japanese commander, sent an envoy to the Russian commander. The envoy advised the Russian commander to capitulate, with the honors of war. The situation at Port Arthur is grave. There is little to eat besides some rice and some bread.

RUSSIAN DISCORD.

TIEN-TSIN, June 27.—A correspondent has seen a translation of a private letter from an officer high in command under General Kuropatkin to a brother officer, giving a gloomy view of the situation for Russia and making disclosures. The writer said: "It is a shame to see officers constantly quarreling, divided into cliques and fighting for their own interests until Japan, the common enemy, is forgotten. Everyone, from the Viceroy and Kuropatkin to insignificant subalterns, is quarreling and unwilling to obey orders. In the eyes of the correspondents and foreign attaches we are disgraced. Until the whole system is changed we cannot hope for victory. Jealousy and suspicion are rampant throughout the army. The members of our secret service are so busy spying on each other that they cannot apprehend the spies and Japanese agents, who work with impunity. Japan seemingly knows every plan made by us, which accounts for many plans having been changed suddenly. Our brave soldiers go into battle like sheep to the shambles. No one can deny their loyalty, but until they are properly officered

WRIGHT ADMINISTRATION FAVORED BY FILIPINOS

F. E. Dominguez, formerly Spanish Interpreter to the First Philippine Commission from the United States, and more recently a well-to-do attorney of Manila, is a through passenger on the Mongolia, en route to Los Angeles.

It is the purpose of Mr. Dominguez to take part in the Roosevelt campaign, stopping Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Western states in general.

"Under the administration of Governor Wright the Philippine question is being rapidly settled," said Mr. Dominguez. "I am not making comparisons with the administration of Mr. Taft, but matters by far are shaping themselves out under the present administration in a most satisfactory manner."

"Under the Taft administration things were in the initial stage towards Americanization. During that time the newspapers were more or less nagging at the administration in the Philippines, and many editors were sent to prison. That is changed now, for the papers are more fairly in accord with the government. Their attitude has changed and Governor Wright certainly has no cause for complaint from them."

"The insurrection movement is a thing of the past, and Manila is becoming a city which knows only the things of peace."

Mr. Dominguez passed through Manila in 1901 when on route to Manila and was well entertained at that time.

their loyalty and zeal are wasted.

"Europe now knows we are a divided house, and will profit accordingly. Those who have the welfare of Russia at heart cannot help feeling that if Port Arthur falls and Japan takes Liao Yang the powers will intervene, to our eternal disgrace."

THE BALTIC FLEET.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 25.—Work on the Baltic squadron, designed for service in the Pacific, is being pursued with redoubled vigor night and day. Admiral Birleff, the commander in chief at Cronstadt, is co-operating with Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, in command of the Baltic fleet, to hasten the work. The captains of the battleships Navarin and Sisoievsky and the armored cruiser Admiral Nakimoff, the first vessel to go out into the roadstead in commission, have been publicly complimented for their diligence. In order not to impede the work, the crews are not mustered to salute the commander in chief when he visits the vessels.

A strict guard is maintained at Cronstadt. Even the war ships' launches are not allowed to enter the naval basins after dusk. Lieutenant Vavilov, in charge of the naval laboratory, was arrested recently and confined to a fortress for bringing a relative to the laboratory without permission.

High orders have been conferred upon Admiral Jensen and Captains Stemmen of the protected cruiser Bogatyr, Bodch of the armored cruiser Gromobol and Adreloff of the armored cruiser Russia for the capture and sinking of the Japanese transport Hitachi by the Vladivostok squadron, and the St. George's Cross upon Captain Ivanoff of the torpedo transport Amur for placing the mines which sank the two Japanese warships.

TOLSTOI OPPOSES WAR.

LONDON, June 27.—The Times this morning prints a ten-column dissertation on the Russo-Japanese war written by Count Tolstoi in his most violent style. The trend of this remarkable document is first, against all war, but it is practically a thunderous philippic against the Russian Government and the Russian orthodox church, and generally against the existing order of things.

Tolstoi says that the reservists throughout Russia are "dissatisfied, gloomy and exasperated, and the old appeal for faith, King and fatherland has lost its spell over the Russian masses."

The ten columns breathe gloomy forebodings and preach revolution. Tolstoi holds the Emperor up to contempt as an "unfortunate and entangled young man, recognized as the leader of 120,000,000 people, cruelly deceived and compelled to contradict himself."

Tolstoi, however, does not stop with Russia, for Japan is given a share of his stinging comments for having forcibly resisted what he terms the "unprovoked aggression of Russia."

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Miss Florence Devrell will likely succeed to the principalship of Hanalei school made vacant by the appointment of Mr. Davis as normal school instructor.

THE PIONEER BUILDING DIRECTORATE SHAKEN-UP

A shake-up occurred in the directorate of the Pioneer Building and Loan Association at the annual meeting held last week which has caused dissension not only amongst several of the officers but among the members, and it is possible that President J. L. McLean may resign.

At the meeting three of the old directors, who are described as being hustlers in the business were voted out through proxies held by the secretary, A. V. Gear. The three ousted directors are Alec, Lyle, Joe Little and R. H. Trent. The latter had been selected previously to fill a vacancy caused by the departure of Mr. Keech.

It is understood that many of the members criticised the way in which the affairs of the association had been conducted and intimated that Mr. Gear was not keeping the business up to the proper standard. It was also rumored that at the meeting Mr. Gear might be dropped out of the list of officers.

Acting on this possibility, Mr. Gear procured enough proxies to outvote the three officers above mentioned and when the vote was counted, the trio were out of the directorate.

The next day it was said that President McLean might resign. When seen yesterday Mr. McLean stated that he had not fully made up his mind to resign, but would decide as to his course by Monday.

INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED

Footings of tax receipts for the island of Oahu in the first six months of this year were made up yesterday. They show what is really a handsome increase, considering all the hard times talk of the street, over the receipts for the corresponding period last year. Taking each half year ending June 30, the following is a comparative statement:

	1903	1904	Difference
Real estate...	\$17,288.15	\$29,190.86	\$11,902.71
Personal property...	14,025.55	29,715.67	15,690.12
Poll...	14,480.00	14,267.00	*213.00
Road...	28,960.00	28,530.00	*430.00
School...	28,960.00	28,530.00	*430.00
Income...	15,608.00	4,788.38	*10,819.62
Sundries...	7,734.76	7,028.45	*706.31
Totals...	\$127,056.46	\$141,974.36	\$14,917.90

* Decrease.

The net increase shown in the difference of totals is close to fifteen thousand dollars. About the only item indicating a contraction in the financial circumstances of the people is that of income taxes. It means probably both reduction in salaries and the wide distribution of securities yielding no returns. As for the personal (not personal property) taxes and sundries (comprising dog, carriage, costs, etc.), the falling off must be largely due to slackness of employment at common labor, as the new law making employers liable for the taxes of their employees probably goes far toward replacing the compulsion of imprisonment for taxes in vogue before the advent of the United States constitution.

NEWS OF THE WORLD AS CONDENSED FROM FILES BROUGHT BY TRANSPORT

Thibetans are now willing to negotiate.

Tobacco culture is to be encouraged in Ireland.

Taxation at Dawson is said to be out of all reason.

Ex-Senator John L. Mitchell of Wisconsin is dead.

Emperor William will return King Edward's visit.

A synod may be organized to govern the Jewish church.

The U. S. gunboat Woodruff has been launched at Manila.

Col. Brigham, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture is dead.

George Frederick Watts, the noted artist, is near death.

Russia is supposed to have bought a Holland submarine boat.

Prof. Verner is taking some cannibal pygmies to Washington.

George Fuller Golden, the monologist, is dying of consumption.

The gold output of the Klondike this year will be over \$13,000,000.

Kuropatkin has ordered good treatment of the Japanese wounded.

The Sulu pearl fisheries have been put under Government supervision.

The heirs of George Francis Train will bring suit for Omaha property worth twenty millions.

The watered stock of the shipyard trust amounted to many millions.

Mounted Chinese bandits are harrying the Russians near Shinnuntin.

The canteen has been abolished in the Yountville, Cal., Soldiers' Home.

Many of the Japanese dead on the battlefields are found to be mutilated.

Chinese are being landed in large numbers at Ensenada, Lower California.

The Vladivostok squadron fired 200 shots during the bombardment of Gen-san.

The strength of the Japanese forces on Liaotung is estimated at 180,000 men.

Twenty Whitehead torpedoes were destroyed in the recent fire at Cronstadt.

Alice Deming Clarke has secured a divorce from Harry Corson Clarke, the actor.

The New York Subway is soon to be opened. It will be completed September 1.

J. Talbot Clifton has returned to San Francisco after nine years' absence, claiming to have travelled in Thibet since.

Lightning struck the dome of the capitol at Washington but did no harm.

A Russian regiment was almost annihilated by the Japanese at Wolf mountain.

New York State has established a sanitarium in the Adirondacks for consumptives.

Japan is trying to make another loan. Trade is depressed and money tightening there.

A boy killed a quail with an air gun in Golden Gate park, San Francisco, and was fined \$100.

Russians claim that the battleships loaned to France by Russia have been completely repaired.

Three Moldavia seven-year-olds daughter died from swine fever.

Brooklyn trolley car.

A tornado at Moscow, accompanied by hailstones weighing three-quarters of a pound, killed many people.

Three women on Vancouver Island saved the lives of four exhausted sailors, rowing to the capsized boat.

The Japanese transport Sado, severely injured by the Vladivostok squadron, has been docked at Nagasaki.

Overtures are said to have been made from Washington, looking towards peace between Russia and Japan.

Great Britain has brought pressure to bear successfully on The Porte for the relief of persecuted Armenians.

There is a great rush of homeseekers to the Edge of the Bonesteel reservation, which is about to be opened for settlement.

A Frenchman from Port Arthur says there are 50,000 troops there, 500 women and 150 non-combatants. The food supply is good.

Europeans arriving at Chefoo from Port Arthur had heard nothing of the reported sinking of another battleship by Admiral Togo.

Miss Anna Strunsky says the story of her infatuation for Jack London, whose wife has sued him for divorce, is absurd and vulgar.

Political trouble is brewing in Colombia where members of the State Assembly have been arrested by order of the Governor of Carthagena.

Santos Dumont did not sail in his airship at St. Louis. Instead, the airbag was cut and the exposition people say he did it. Dumont left for Paris.

Charles Channancy Stillman, son of a New York millionaire banker is a railroad baggage hustler in Oakland, where he is learning the business of railroad-ing.

The Tokio correspondent of the Times says: "There is considerable uncertainty here regarding the Russian losses in the recent sortie from Port Arthur. It is just possible that no ship was sunk. The Peresviet may have got into Port Arthur at night. The Japanese, on the other hand, feel certain that three torpedoes took effect on three ships."

Detailed reports of the capture of Fen Shui pass on June 27th show that the Russians were driven from an exceedingly strong position dominating the Shi Mu Cheng road. In this engagement the Russian losses were again heavier than those of the Japanese. The Japanese outmaneuvered the Russians by working around the enemy's right flank and attacking him in the rear.

A cable to the Sun from London says: It is stated from an anti-Turkish source that the victims of the recent Armenian massacres numbered nearly 6000 instead of 3000. At the village of Akhbi the number of persons killed was so great that the bodies, which were thrown from a bridge, dammed the river, which the Turks freed by firing artillery into the heap of corpses.

A mob composed of women and men in about equal numbers, 200 in all, indignantly over the conduct of one of their neighbors, assembled at 10 o'clock Monday night by previous arrangement, armed with sticks and clubs, went to the house of Frederick Hugh-

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